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Appendix B

Statistical Calculations for Two Performance Measures – Completion Interval - Provisioning and Maintenance Average Duration

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A very important underlying assumption is that the data are the result of a designed experiment, where the "treatments" are assigned randomly to the units of analysis. Any confounding factors or possible blocking effects are taken into account in the design of the experiment and all other assignments are randomized in order to remove bias due to any remaining systematic differences in the units.

For example, in agricultural experiments, location is often considered a blocking effect. Plots that are close together tend to give similar yields due to otherwise uncontrolled effects, such as drainage and fertility gradients. Treatments are assigned at random to plots within each block.

The block effect may be on the mean (fixed effect) or on the variance (random effect), describing correlations between units that are physically close to each other. In this case, we do not have a controlled experiment and this should add an extra note of caution, as emphasized elsewhere.

Consider the simplest general model for the two population comparison. Let x_{1i} denote the performance measurement on BST order i, $i=1,...,n_1$. Let x_{2j} denote a performance measurement on a CLEC order, $j=1,...,n_2$. Then the most basic model is

$$x_{1i} = \mu + \varepsilon_i$$
 where $\varepsilon_i \sim \text{IID}(0, \sigma_1^2)$
 $x_{2j} = \mu + \tau + \delta_j$ where $\delta_j \sim \text{IID}(0, \sigma_2^2)$

and the two means \bar{x}_1 and \bar{x}_2 are independent. If the underlying distributions are not too skewed and the sample size is reasonably large, then one can reasonably approximate the distribution of the difference in the means as normally distributed

$$\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2 \sim N(\tau, \frac{\sigma_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{n_2})$$
 (1)

and we are interested in testing whether $\tau = 0$.

FCC Measure. In addition, it can be assumed that the variances are the same in each case, $\sigma_1^2 = \sigma_2^2 = \sigma^2$. That is, it is assumed that the two distributions are the same, except for a possible difference in the means, due to a "treatment" effect.

These are the assumptions used in the FCC measure. A pooled estimate of the variance is used, $s_p^{\ 2}$, and the resulting t-test is

$$t = \frac{\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2}{s_p \sqrt{1/n_1 + 1/n_2}}$$

with $n_1 + n_2$ -2 degrees of freedom. It often turns out to be the case that the sample sizes will be large enough so that the normal, or Z, distribution can be used rather than the t-distribution.

In at least some cases in the Louisiana data that we have studied, it does not appear that the assumption of equal variance is valid. There are two other measures that are being The first step in the data analysis was to verify the data set. This was done by calculating the estimates and comparing them to the published estimates on the BST internet website (https://clec.bellsouth.com).

<u>Trimming.</u> The underlying distribution of the orders is clearly not normal, but rather skewed with a very long upper-tail. (See Appendices C and D.) Extreme data values may be correct, but since they are rare measurements, they may be considered to be statistical outliers. Or they may be values that should not be in the analysis data set because of errors in the measurement or in selecting the data.

The arithmetic average is extremely sensitive to outliers; a single large value, possibly an erroneous value, can significantly distort the mean value. And by inflating the error variance, this also affects conclusions about whether $\tau=0$. A useful technique, coming from the field of robust statistical analysis – for example Huber (1981), or Wiens, Wu, Zhou, (1998) -- is to trim a very small proportion from the tails of the distribution before calculating the means. The resulting mean is referred to as a trimmed mean. Trimming is beneficial in that it speeds the convergence of the distribution of the means to a normal distribution. Only extreme values are trimmed, and in many cases the data being trimmed are, in fact, data that might not be used in the analysis on other grounds.

In the first analysis of the verified Completion Interval-Provisioning measure, after removing data that were clearly in error or were not applicable, we looked at the cases that represented the largest 0.01% of the BST distribution. In the August data, this corresponded to orders with completion intervals greater than 99 days. All of these were BellSouth orders.

In examining the largest 11 individual examples that would be removed from analysis, we found that only 1 of the 11 cases was a valid case where the completion interval was unusually large. The other 10 cases were examples of cases that should not have been included in the analysis.

Of the 11 largest values, eight were orders which are "official BellSouth orders"; these are internal jobs which are not real orders but which needed an order number for tracking purposes. These orders can be identified using the data field "general class service" and such orders were subsequently removed from the analysis data file.

Two of the cases were orders where the customer requested a later due date than offered by BellSouth. The customer called in February to place an order for August, for example. There is no easy way to identify such cases in general, in order to remove them from analysis. The system is not yet stable; hence, there may be other types of data points that should not be included or that are not measured correctly. A very slight trimming is needed in order to put the central limit theorem argument on firm ground.

¹ As a result of our analysis, we eliminated further records from data analysis, both above and below the 99 days, using the information regarding general class of service (official BellSouth orders). The subsequent trimming only removed 15 BST cases from the August BST file and 13 BST cases in September.

of "new" vs "change" vs "transfer". It appears, for instance, that a "new" order takes noticeably longer to finish than a "change" or "transfer."

Finally, if one were designing a study to compare the CLEC to the BST "treatment," one would make sure that the same number of CLEC and BST cases were assigned by the location, by time, and by the type of order. By using random assignment to assign a population unit as either a CLEC or a BST, one would be protected against the possibility of other unsuspected sources of bias. That is, if there is another variable that affects the performance measure, by using random assignment one is likely to assign approximately the same proportion of BST and CLEC orders across the distribution of this variable.

Without random assignment, there is the possibility that the distribution of these confounding variables is very different for the BST orders than for the CLEC. For example, if "new" service tends to take longer than the other service types and one month 50% of the CLEC orders are "new" compared to 25% of the BST orders, then the simple comparison will be biased. The bias may work in either direction, depending on the distribution of the observed data. In the example above, the simple estimate would overestimate the difference between the BST and the CLEC performance, making the CLEC customer performance look worse than that for BST customers since CLEC provisioning would appear to take longer. If the distribution had been out of balance in the other direction, with a higher percentage of new BST orders than new CLEC orders,

then the simple estimate would have made the CLEC performance look better than it was.

In summary, the assumptions made for both the FCC and the LCUG tests are not valid. The observations are not likely to be independent and identically distributed. Assumption failures may affect both the numerator (the point estimate of the difference) and the denominator (the estimate of its variability). Clustering effects in the data, resulting in a positive correlation between observations in the same wire center, would mean that the variance estimates used in both the FCC and the LCUG measures are biased. And, in particular, they will underestimate the variability in the differences. In addition, effects due to time or order type may bias the estimate of difference.

Adjusted Estimates. In an observational study, bias is a major concern. There are many references for estimation techniques using data from observational studies. There are two principal strategies for reducing bias in observational studies (Cochran and Rubin, 1973): matching and model related adjustments. When the confounding variables are classification measurements, as they are in this case (new vs. change, time 1 vs. time 2 etc), then both matching and model based strategies lead essentially to the same simple adjustment.

Suppose there are j=1,...,J classes defined by the confounding variables. (One class might be new service in a residence, dispatched service, with less than 10 circuits, finished in time period 1, in wire center "a.") Suppose there are n_{2j} CLEC cases and n_{1j} BST cases in class j with $n_{2j} \ge 0$. The following

provider, the mean is 2 days for class j=1, new orders, and the mean is 1 day for class 2, change orders.

Suppose we want to adjust provider A's distribution to compare to provider B. Then in the notation used in this appendix, we have

$$n_{11}=30$$
, $n_{12}=90$, $n_{1}=120$

$$n_{21}=60$$
, $n_{22}=30$, $n_{2}=90$

Using equation (3), the estimate of the difference would be

$$\hat{D} = \frac{60*(2-2)+30*(1-1)}{90} = 0.$$

The unadjusted means are 1.25 for provider A and 1.67 for provider B. The adjusted mean for provider A would be calculated using weights $w_i = n_{zi}/n_{1i}$, or in this case

$$w_1 = 60/30 = 2$$

 $w_2 = 30/90 = 1/3$

and the adjusted mean for provider A would be

$$\bar{x}_{1.4} = \frac{2*30*2 + \frac{1}{3}*90*1}{2*30 + 90/3} = 1.67.$$

Because there was no discrepancy in the means, by class, the adjusted mean for provider A is equal to the mean for provider B.

Replicate Variance Estimation

The estimate \hat{D} from equation (3) or (4) then is a better estimate of the difference between the mean performance for the BST orders and the mean performance for the CLEC orders. We now need a variance estimate for \hat{D} .

Replicate variance estimation can result in a nearly unbiased estimate of the variance for complex data structures like those which exist with the BellSouth data. A description of the basic technique can be found in Wolter (1985). The basic idea is to randomly divide the given sample into G groups, where each group has approximately the same number of wire centers. In each group g, calculate an estimate of the parameter of interest, say \overline{d}_g . Let $\overline{\overline{d}}$ be the average of the replicate means \overline{d}_g . Then the replicate variance estimate of $\overline{\overline{d}}$ is

$$v_1 = \operatorname{Var}(\overline{\overline{d}}) = \frac{1}{G} \frac{1}{(G-1)} \sum_{g} (\overline{d}_g - \overline{\overline{d}})^2 . \quad (5)$$

In our problem, however, the estimate we are interested in is \hat{D} which is not generally equal to $\overline{\overline{d}}$. We can use v_1 as an estimate of \hat{D} or the alternative estimator

$$v_2 = Var(\hat{D}) = \frac{1}{G} \frac{1}{(G-1)} \sum_g (\bar{d}_g - \hat{D})^2$$
 (6)

activity. The LATA were ordered and the wire centers were ordered within LATA. Within the first LATA, the wire centers were ordered from largest to smallest. In the next LATA, the wire centers were ordered from smallest to largest, etc. We then systematically divided the 232 wire centers into 30 roughly equal groups (of about 7 wire centers). This was done by taking the ordered list and splitting it into "zones" of 30 wire centers each, randomly assigning a wire center to a group until all were assigned, then repeating the process independently for the next zone of 30 wire centers, and so on until all had been assigned.

Estimator Construction. The estimator \hat{D} is calculated as in equation (3), using classes defined by wire center and time at least. The replicates are assigned, by wire center. The adjusted replicate estimates \bar{d}_{Ag} , g=1,...30, are calculated using equation (3) but summing only over the cases in the wire centers defined to be in replicate g.

These \overline{d}_{Ag} are identically distributed by construction and independent by randomization. If there is a lot of CLEC activity, they may also be approximately normally distributed. Using the replicate structure we estimate the variance for the adjusted estimate as

$$s_{rA}^2 = \frac{1}{29} \sum_{g=1}^{30} \left(\overline{d}_{Ag} - \hat{D} \right)^2$$

and the resulting statistic

$$t = \frac{\hat{D}}{s_{rA}/\sqrt{30}}$$

is compared to the Student's t-distribution with 29 degrees of freedom, as the reference distribution, for calculating p-values. The p-values are the probability of seeing a value as extreme or more extreme then the observed value of t. That is, if t is positive, the probability of a value greater than or equal to t is calculated, using the Student's t with 29 degrees of freedom as the reference distribution. If t is negative, the probability of a value less than or equal to the observed t is calculated.

Using the replicate variance estimate applied to the adjusted estimate of the difference protects against model misspecification. This test does not rely on the assumption that the data are IID and it corrects for bias due to the structure of the data. Using this method, a confidence interval can be constructed for the difference in the means. A reasonable interval is the 95% confidence interval. Using a Z-test, the multiplier is 1.96 which is often rounded up to 2.00. Using a t-distribution with 29 degrees of freedom, the coefficient is 2.045. For all practical purposes, these are equivalent. There is no loss in power in adopting the replicate measure over the FCC or the LCUG measure.

The Six Test Statistics Compared in the Main Report

The test statistic described in the previous section is the method we propose for the comparisons, and, in the main report, it is referred to as the BellSouth test for adjusted data. It adjusts the BellSouth data to make it more similar in

Performance Measured as a Proportion

If the performance measure is a proportion or a percentage of cases which possess some characteristic, such as the proportion of orders taking less than two days to finish, then these methods also apply. It may not be immediately obvious, but proportions can be placed in the same framework as sample means.

A proportion can be calculated by measuring a variable x_i for each case, where $x_i=1$ if the unit has the characteristic of interest (less than 2 days to complete, for example) and $x_i=0$ if the unit does not have the characteristic of interest. If we have n cases, then the proportion p of orders with the characteristic of interest is calculated as the mean of the x values, \bar{x} .

In this way, the tests can be formulated for proportions using the equations given in this appendix. For example, the sample means within classes become p_{1j} and p_{2j} , the proportion of BellSouth orders and CLEC orders, respectively, in class j. The adjusted estimate of the difference is then

$$\hat{D} = \sum_{j} n_{2j} (p_{1j} - p_{2j}) / n_2$$

Outline for the Proposed Replicate Data Analysis

The proposed BellSouth procedure is the replicate method applied to the adjusted data. The steps in the data analysis and test calculation that we propose can be summarized as follows:

- 1. Verify that we have the correct data set, by comparing to the published estimates on the BST internet website (https://clec.bellsouth.com).
- 2. Remove any additional data values that are not pertinent to analysis (official BellSouth orders for example)
- 3. If necessary, trim a very small proportion from the tail(s) of the distribution. (In some cases, the original BellSouth data procedure already included an upper or lower bound on data to be used for analysis.)
- 4. Put the replicate indicator on the data file and define the time classification.
- 5. Determine if there are other important classifications that should be used as well, such as order type.
- 6. For every class defined in steps 4 and 5, calculate the difference $d_j = \overline{x}_{1j} \overline{x}_{2j}$. In one pass through the data files, a file can be built containing n_{2j} , n_{1j} , and d_j for all classes j.
- 7. From this data file, estimates of the difference in means and t-tests to test the hypothesis of nondiscriminatory treatment can be calculated for any level of aggregation at the LATA level and above.

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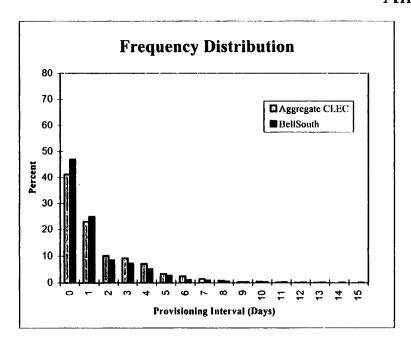
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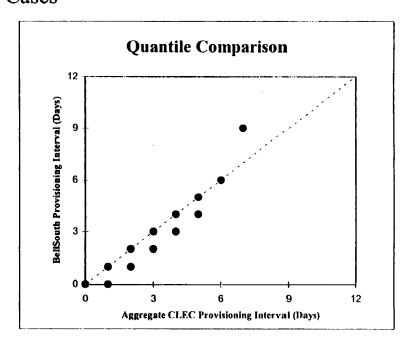
Appendix C Order Completion Interval (OCI) - August Graphics

I. Graphical Representations

	<u>Unadjusted</u>	Adjusted
1. A	Il Cases	12. All Cases
2. Di	ispatch Cases	13. Dispatch Cases
3. No	on-Dispatch Cases	14. Non-Dispatch Cases
4. Di	ispatched, Residential, All Circuits	15. Dispatched, Residential, All Circuits
5. Di	ispatched, Business, All Circuits	16. Dispatched, Business, All Circuits
6. No	on-Dispatched, Residential, All Circuits	17. Non-Dispatched, Residential, All Circuits
7. No	on-Dispatched, Business, All CircuitsC-13	18. Non-Dispatched, Business, All Circuits
8. Di	ispatched, Residential, Less Than 10 CircuitsC-15	19. Dispatched, Residential, Less Than 10 Circuits
9. Di	ispatched, Business, Less Than 10 Circuits	20. Dispatched, Business, Less Than 10 Circuits
10. No	on-Dispatched, Residential, Less Than 10 Circuits C-19	21. Non-Dispatched, Residential, Less Than 10 CircuitsC-20
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Adjusted August BellSouth and CLEC Completion Interval-Provisioning All Cases





Descriptive Measures

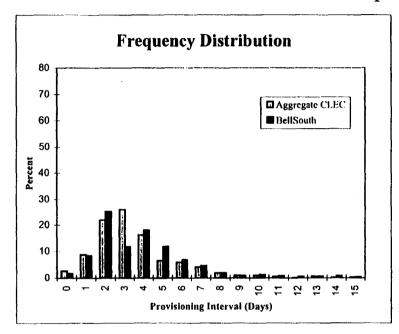
Service		Standard
Provider	Mean	Deviation
BST	1.48	2.95
CLEC	1.62	2.26
Difference	-0.14	

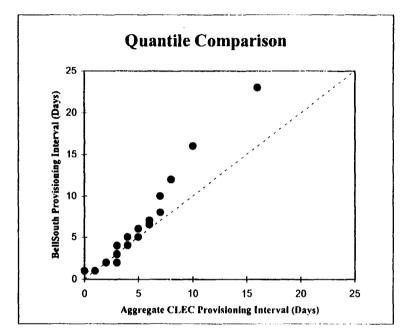
Analytic Measures

Testing Method	Test Statistic	P-value (percent)
LCUG	-6.08	0.0000
FCC	-6.13	0.0000
BST	-2.57	0.7774

August BellSouth and CLEC Completion Interval-Provisioning

Dispatched Cases





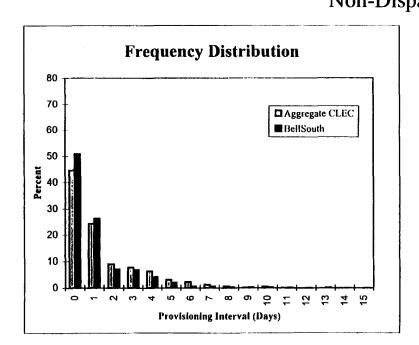
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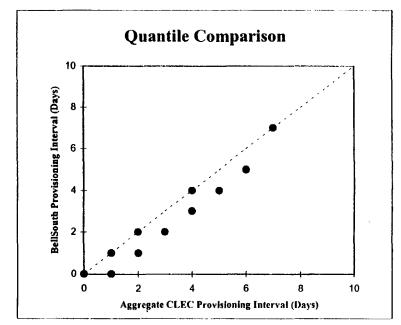
Service Provider	Mean	Standard Deviation
BST	4.88	5.84
CLEC	3.99	3.77
Difference	0.89	

Analytic Measures

Testing Method	Test Statistic	P-value (percent)
LCUG	5.34	0.0000
FCC	5.42	0.0000
BST	6.41	0.0000

Adjusted
August BellSouth and CLEC Completion Interval-Provisioning
Non-Dispatched Cases





Descriptive Measures

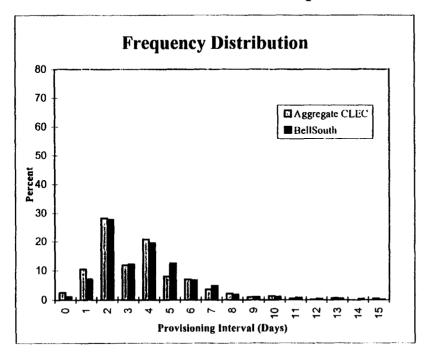
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BST	1.18	2.33
CLEC	1.41	1.94
Difference	-0.23	

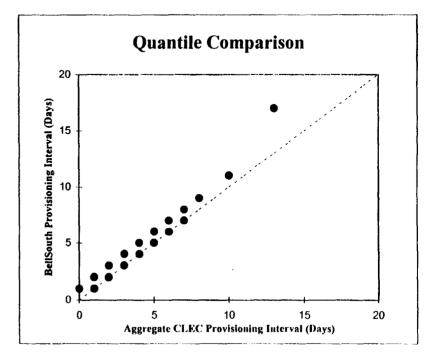
Analytic Measures

Testing Method	Test Statistic	P-value (percent)
LCUG	-11.86	0.0000
FCC	-11.93	0.0000
BST	-4.39	0.0068

August BellSouth and CLEC Completion Interval-Provisioning

Dispatched, Residential, All Circuits





Descriptive Measures

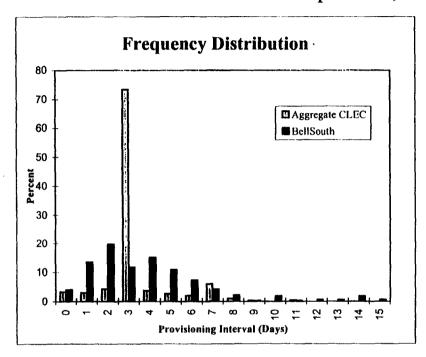
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BST	4.34	4.19
CLEC	3.84	3.38
Difference	0.50	

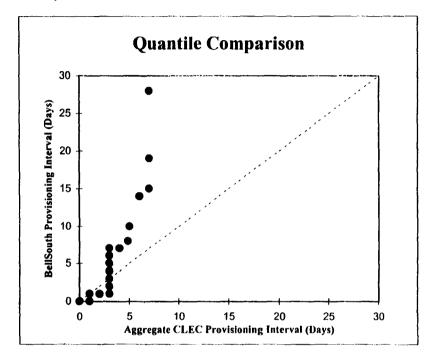
Analytic Measures

Testing Method	Test Statistic	P-value (percent)
LCUG	3.60	0.0159
FCC	3.63	0.0139
BST	4.40	0.0067

August BellSouth and CLEC Completion Interval-Provisioning

Dispatched, Business, All Circuits





Descriptive Measures

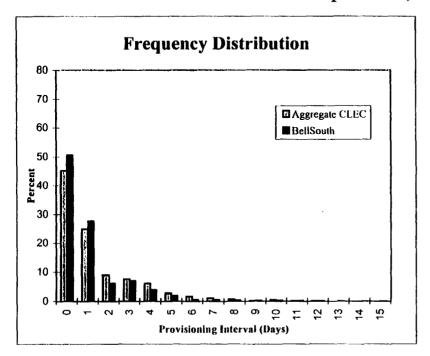
Service Provider	Mean	Standard Deviation
BST	5.27	7.25
CLEC	3.28	1.50
Difference	1.99	

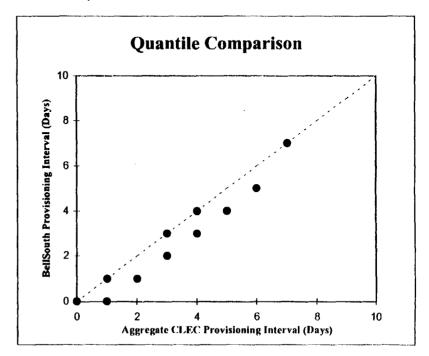
Analytic Measures

Testing Method	Test Statistic	P-value (percent)
LCUG	4.63	0.0002
FCC	4.75	0.0001
BST	2.48	0.9762

August BellSouth and CLEC Completion Interval-Provisioning

Non-Dispatched, Residential, All Circuits





Descriptive Measures

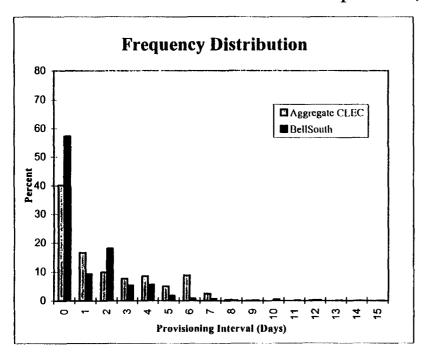
Service Provider	Mean	Standard Deviation
BST	1.15	2.26
CLEC	1.35	1.87
Difference	-0.20	

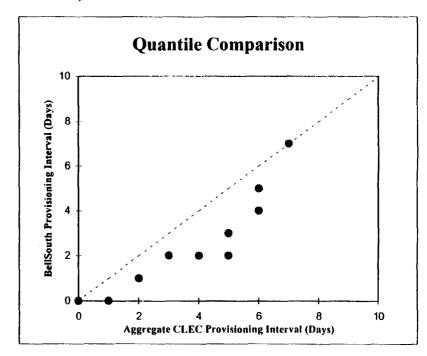
Analytic Measures

Testing Method	Test Statistic	P-value (percent)
LCUG	-10.38	0.0000
FCC	-10.44	0.0000
BST	-4.41	0.0066

August BellSouth and CLEC Completion Interval-Provisioning

Non-Dispatched, Business, All Circuits





Descriptive Measures

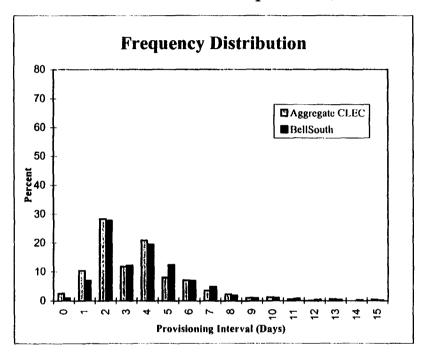
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CLEC	1.98	2.37
Difference	-0.78	

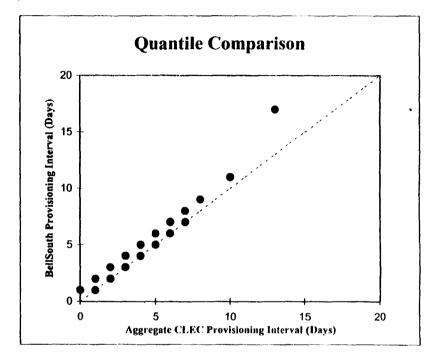
Analytic Measures

Testing Method	Test Statistic	P-value (percent)
LCUG	-10.42	0.0000
FCC	-10.43	0.0000
BST	-3.55	0.0686

August BellSouth and CLEC Completion Interval-Provisioning

Dispatched, Residential, Less Than 10 Circuits





Descriptive Measures

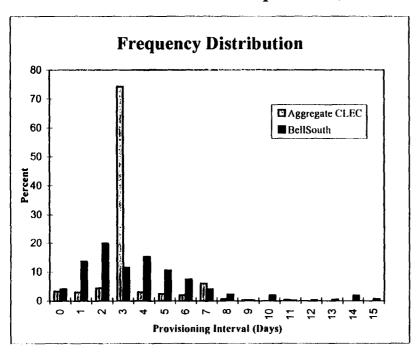
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CLEC	3.85	3.39
Difference	0.49	

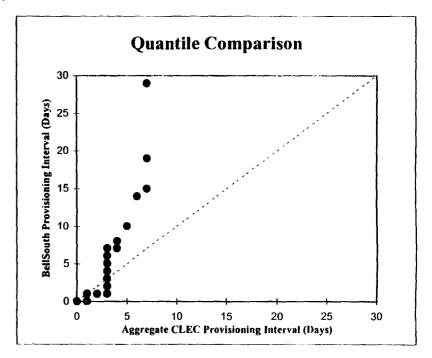
Analytic Measures

Testing Method	Test Statistic	P-value (percent)
LCUG	3.53	0.0210
FCC	3.56	0.0185
BST	4.40	0.0068

August BellSouth and CLEC Completion Interval-Provisioning

Dispatched, Business, Less Than 10 Circuits





Descriptive Measures

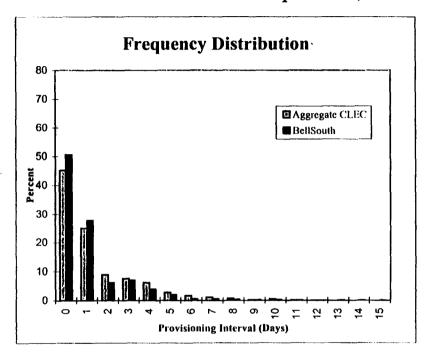
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BST	5.26	7.29
CLEC	3.26	1.48
Difference	2.00	

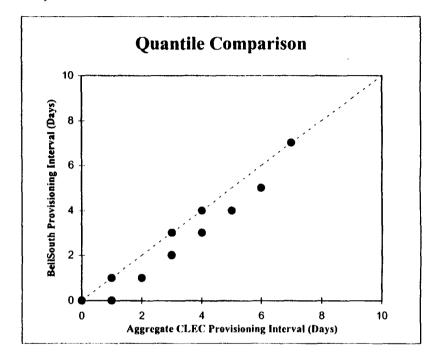
Analytic Measures

Testing Method	Test Statistic	P-value (percent)
LCUG	4.59	0.0002
FCC	4.71	0.0001
BST	2.50	0.9451

August BellSouth and CLEC Completion Interval-Provisioning

Non-Dispatched, Residential, Less Than 10 Circuits





Descriptive Measures

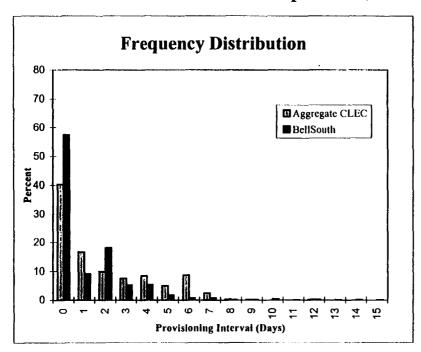
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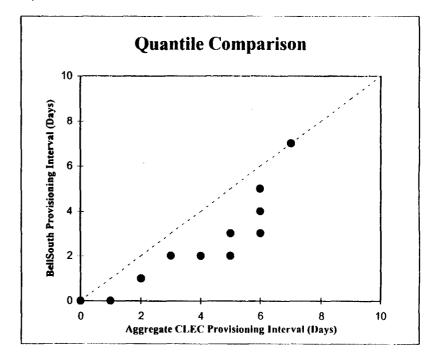
Analytic Measures

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FCC	-10.44	0.0000
BST	-4.41	0.0066

August BellSouth and CLEC Completion Interval-Provisioning

Non-Dispatched, Business, Less Than 10 Circuits





Descriptive Measures

Service Provider	Mean	Standard Deviation
BST	1.19	2.46
CLEC	1.97	2.37
Difference	-0.78	

Analytic Measures

Testing Method	Test Statistic	P-value (percent)
LCUG	-10.44	0.0000
FCC	-10.46	0.0000
BST	-3.57	0.0660

SQM: Order Completion Interval

AUGUST

	NO DISPAT	СН														
	SAME DAY		1 DAY		2 DAYS		3 DAYS		4 DAYS		5 DAYS		> 5 DAYS		AVG. (DAY	'S)
	< 10 Ckis	>= 10 Ckts	< 10 Ckls	>= 10 Ckts	< 10 Ckts	>= 10 Ckts	< 10 Ckts	>= 10 Ckts	< 10 Ckts	>= 10 Ckls	< 10 Ckls	>= 10 Ckis	< 10 Ckis	>= 10 CkIs	< 10 Ckls	>= 10 Ckts
CLEC 1																
LOUISIANA																
CLEC AGGREGATE																
LOUISIANA																
- RESALE RESIDENCE	44.84%	0.00%	24.94%	0.00%	9.08%	0.00%	7.95%	0.00%	6 20%	0.00%	2.81%	0.00%	4.18%	0.00%	1.3	8 0.0
· RESALE BUSINESS	40.00%	0.00%	17.32%	0.00%	10.54%	20.00%	7.789	6 20.00%	8.12%	20.00%	5.02%	0.00%	11.21%	40.00%	1.9	3 4.2
- UNE LOOPS WITH LNP								I -		I			1			
BST																
LOUISIANA																
- RETAIL RESIDENCE	58.29%	0.00%	24.08%	0.00%	4.66%	0.00%	6.809	0.00%	2.89%	0.00%	1.67%	0.00%	1.62%	0.00%	0.9	2 0.00
- RETAIL BUSINESS	64.32%	26.88%	9.88%	18.28%	13.88%	4.30%	4.349	15.05%	4.92%	7.53%	0.84%	2.15%	1.83%	25.81%	1.0	5 7.2

	NO DISPATO	H														
	0-5 DAYS		6-10 DAYS		11-15 DAYS		16-20 DAYS		21-25 DAYS		26-30 DAYS		> 30 DAYS		AVG. (DAYS	3)
	< 10 Ckls	>= 10 Ckls	< 10 Ckts	>= 10 Ckls	< 10 Ckls	>= 10 Ckls	< 10 Ckts	>= 10 Ckts	< 10 Ckts	>= 10 Ckts	< 10 Ckis	>= 10 Ckts	< 10 Ckts	>= 10 Ckls	< 10 Ckts	>= 10 Ckts
CLEC 1																
LOUISIANA																
CLEC AGGREGATE																
LOUISIANA																
- RESALE DESIGN	80.68%	0.00%	17.05%	0.00%	0.00%		1.14%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	1.14%	0.00%	0 00%	0.00%	3.91	1 0.00
- UNE DESIGN	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0 00%	0.00%	0.00	0.00
- UNE NON-DESIGN	77.78%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	4.67	7 0.00
BST																
LOUISIANA																
- RETAIL DESIGN	28.57%	0.00%	15.87%	0.00%	26.98%	0.00%	8.35%	0.00%	4.76%	0 00%	1.59%	0.00%	15.87%	0.00%	19 14	0.00

Definitions

issue date -- Date service order is entered into the system (not necessarily same as application date)

completion date -- Date on which service order is completed

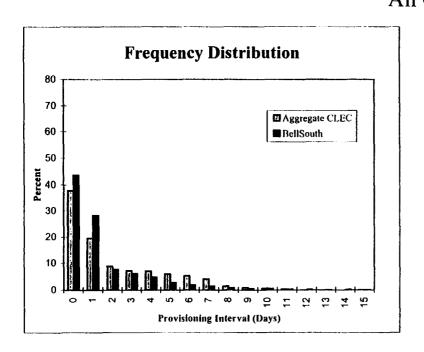
order completion interval -- computed as order completion interval = completion date - issue date

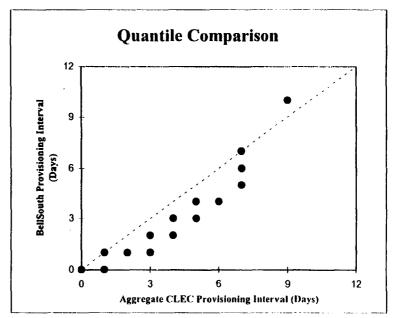
Appendix D Order Completion Interval (OCI) - September Graphics

I. Graphical Representations

	<u>Unadjusted</u>		<u>Adjusted</u>	•
1.	All CasesD-1	1.	All Cases	D-2
2.	Dispatch CasesD-3		Dispatch Cases	
	Non-Dispatch CasesD-5		Non-Dispatch Cases	
4.	Dispatched, Residential, All CircuitsD-7	4.	Dispatched, Residential, All Circuits	D-8
5.	Dispatched, Business, All CircuitsD-9	5.	Dispatched, Business, All Circuits	D-10
6.	Non-Dispatched, Residential, All CircuitsD-11	6.	Non-Dispatched, Residential, All Circuits	D-12
7.	Non-Dispatched, Business, All CircuitsD-13	7.	Non-Dispatched, Business, All Circuits	D-14
8.	Dispatched, Residential, Less Than 10 CircuitsD-15	8.	Dispatched, Residential, Less Than 10 Circuits	D-16
9.	Dispatched, Business, Less Than 10 CircuitsD-17	9.	Dispatched, Business, Less Than 10 Circuits	D-18
10.	Non-Dispatched, Residential, Less Than 10 CircuitsD-19	10	Non-Dispatched, Residential, Less Than 10 Circuits	D-20
11.	Non-Dispatched, Business, Less Than 10 CircuitsD-21	11.	Non-Dispatched, Business, Less Than 10 Circuits	D-22

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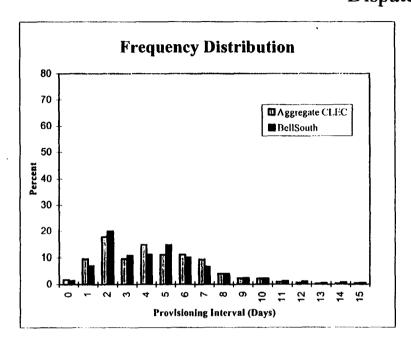
Descriptive Measures

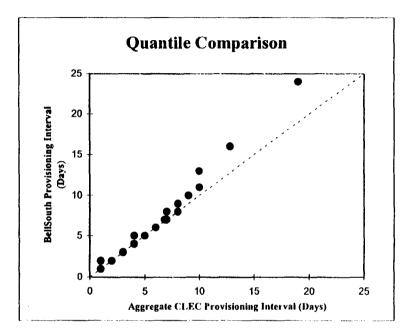
Service Provider	Mean	Standard Deviation
BST	1.61	3.00
CLEC	2.20	2.85
Difference	-0.59	

Analytic Measures

Testing Method	Test Statistic	P-value (percent)
LCUG	-24.63	0.0000
FCC	-24.68	0.0000
BST	-8.81	0.0000

Adjusted September BellSouth and CLEC Completion Interval-Provisioning Dispatched Cases





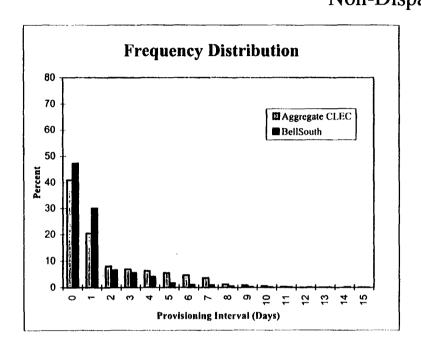
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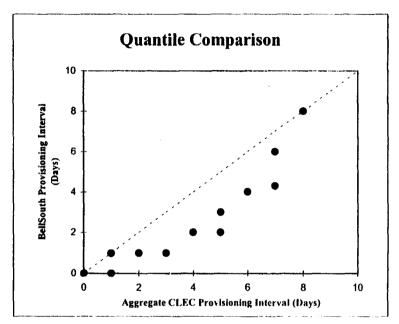
Service Provider	Mean	Standard Deviation
BST	5.52	5.59
CLEC	5.07	4.55
Difference	0.45	

Analytic Measures

Testing Method	Test Statistic	P-value (percent)
LCUG	2.87	0.2065
FCC	2.90	0.1884
BST	2.57	0.7876

Adjusted
September BellSouth and CLEC Completion Interval-Provisioning
Non-Dispatched Cases





Descriptive Measures

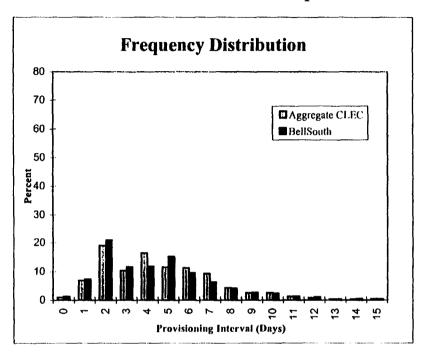
Service Provider	Mean	Standard Deviation
BST	1.27	2.38
CLEC	1.95	2.50
Difference	-0.68	

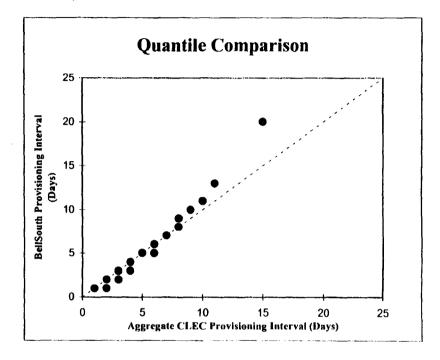
Analytic Measures

Testing Method	Test Statistic	P-value (percent)		
LCUG	-34.35	0.0000		
FCC	-34.27	0.0000		
BST	-9.93	0.0000		

September BellSouth and CLEC Completion Interval-Provisioning

Dispatched, Residential, All Circuits





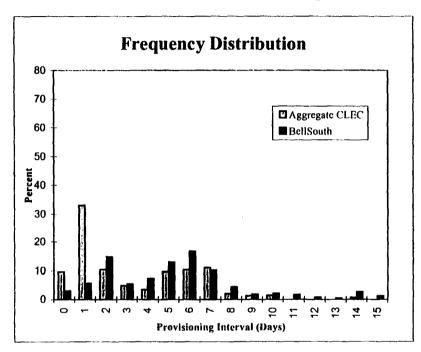
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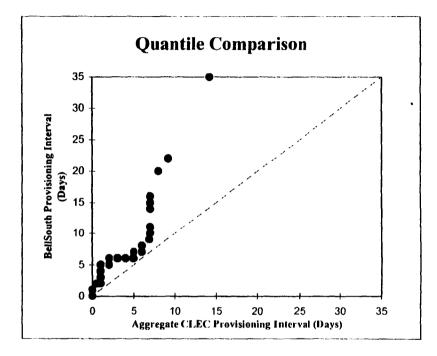
Service Provider	Mean	Standard Deviation
BST	5.05	4.48
CLEC	4.93	3.59
Difference	0.12	

Analytic Measures

Testing Method	Test Statistic	P-value (percent)		
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FCC	0.90	18.3006		
BST	0.78	22.0733		

Dispatched, Business, All Circuits





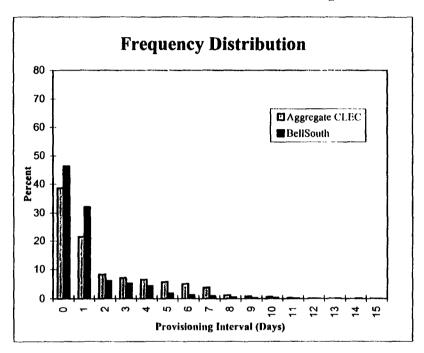
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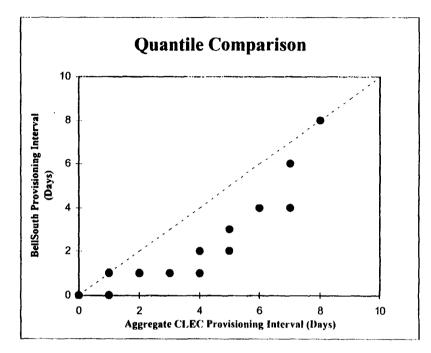
Service Provider	Mean	Standard Deviation
BST	7.20	8.20
CLEC	3.75	4.39
Difference	3.45	

Analytic Measures

Testing Method	Test Statistic	P-value (percent)
LCUG	5.00	0.0000
FCC	5.05	0.0000
BST	2.17	2.0650

Non-Dispatched, Residential, All Circuits





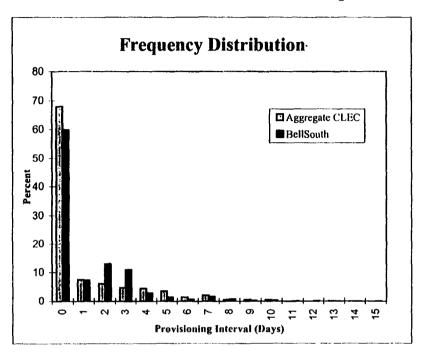
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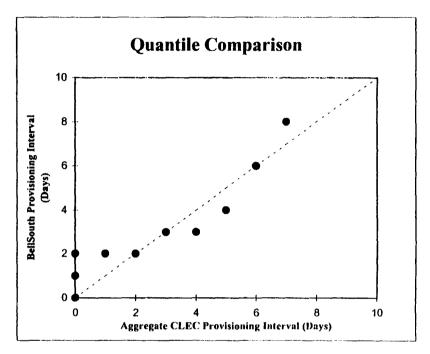
Service Provider	Mean	Standard Deviation
BST	1.26	2.33
CLEC	2.01	2.48
Difference	-0.75	

Analytic Measures

Testing Method	Test Statistic	P-value (percent)
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FCC	-37.05	0.0000
BST	-11.75	0.0000

Non-Dispatched, Business, All Circuits





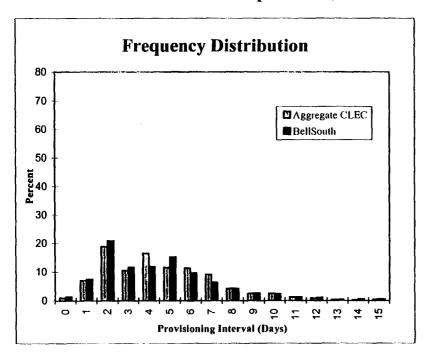
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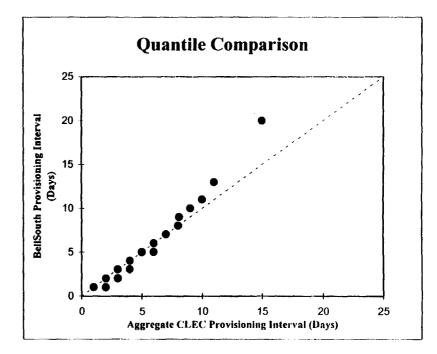
Service Provider	Mean	Standard Deviation
BST	1.27	2.47
CLEC	1.13	2.19
Difference	0.14	

Analytic Measures

Testing Method	Test Statistic	P-value (percent)
LCUG	2.01	2.2195
FCC	2.02	2.1814
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Dispatched, Residential, Less Than 10 Circuits





Descriptive Measures

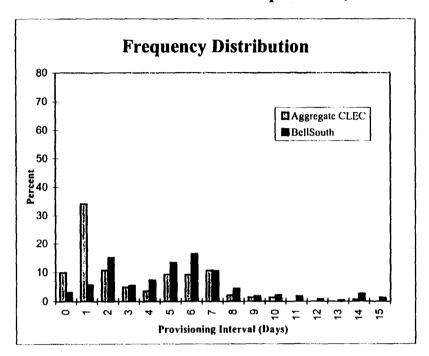
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CLEC	4.93	3.59
Difference	0.12	

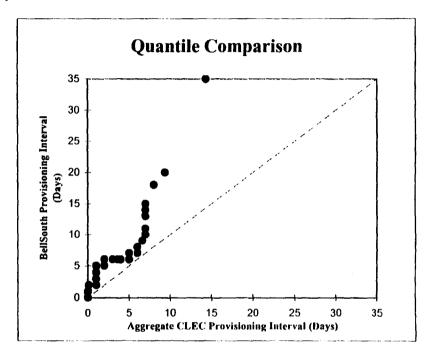
Analytic Measures

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September BellSouth and CLEC Completion Interval-Provisioning

Dispatched, Business, Less Than 10 Circuits





Descriptive Measures

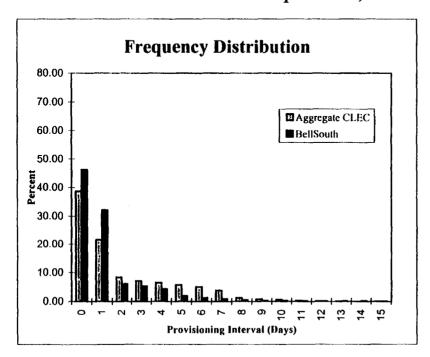
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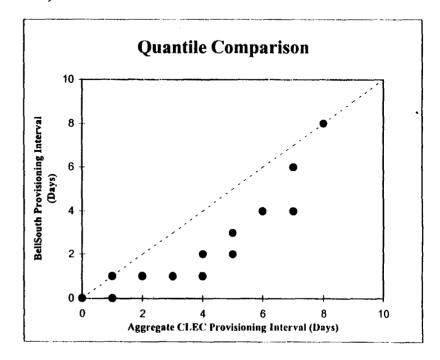
Analytic Measures

Testing Method	Test Statistic	P-value (percent)
LCUG	4.78	0.0001
FCC	4.83	0.0001
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September BellSouth and CLEC Completion Interval-Provisioning

Non-Dispatched, Residential, Less Than 10 Circuits





Descriptive Measures

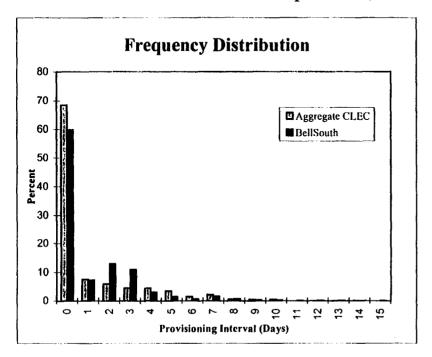
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Difference	-0.75	

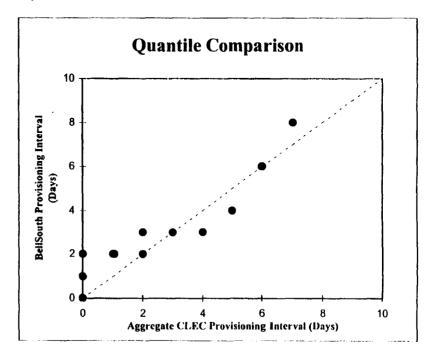
Analytic Measures

Testing Method	Test Statistic	P-value (percent)
LCUG	-37.15	0.0000
FCC	-37.04	0.0000
BST	-11.75	0.0000

September BellSouth and CLEC Completion Interval-Provisioning

Non-Dispatched, Business, Less Than 10 Circuits





Descriptive Measures

Service Provider	Mean	Standard Deviation		
BST	1.27	2.47		
CLEC	1.12	2.19		
Difference	0.15			

Analytic Measures

Testing Method	Test Statistic	P-value (percent)		
LCUG	2.15	1.5811		
FCC	2.16	1.5505		
BST	0.52	30.3765		

SQM: Order Completion Interval

SEPTEMBER

	NO DISPATO	СН														
	SAME DAY						3 DAYS	DAYS 4 DAYS			5 DAYS		> 5 DAYS		AVG. (DAYS)	
	< 10 Ckls	>= 10 Ckts	< 10 Ckls	>= 10 Ckts	< 10 Ckts	>= 10 CkIs	< 10 Ckts	>= 10 Ckls	< 10 Ckts	>= 10 Ckts	< 10 Ckis	>= 10 Ckts	< 10 Ckts	>= 10 Ckts	< 10 Ckts	>= 10 Ckts
CLEC 1																
LOUISIANA																
CLEC AGGREGATE																
LOUISIANA																
- RESALE RESIDENCE	38 45%	0.00%	21.68%	0.00%	8.47%	0.00%	7.249	0.00%	6.54%	0.00%	5.73%	100.00%	11.90%	0.00%	2.01	5.00
- RESALE BUSINESS	64.94%	0.00%	8.38%	0.00%	7.93%	42.86%	4.959	42.86%	4.57%	0.00%	3.66%	14.29%	5.56%	0.00%	1.20	2.80
- UNE LOOPS WITH LNP		Γ.				I							1		1	1
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LOUISIANA																
- RETAIL RESIDENCE	59.13%	0.00%	25.51%	0.00%	4.14%	0.00%	5.899	6 0.00%	3.21%	0 00%	0.59%	0.00%	1.53%	0.00%	0.83	0.00
- RETAIL BUSINESS	54.86%	53.54%	7.39%	16.54%	18.50%	10.24%	10.109	0.79%	3.96%	3.94%	1.37%	4.72%	3.82%	10.24%	1.39	1.7

·	NO DISPATO	СН														
	0.5 DAYS		6-10 DAYS		11-15 DAYS		18-20 DAYS		21-25 DAYS		26-30 DAYS		> 30 DAYS		AVG (DAYS)
	< 10 Ckts	>= 10 Ckts	< 10 CkIs	>= 10 Ckts	< 10 Ckts	>= 10 Ckts	< 10 Ckls	>= 10 Ckls	< 10 Ckts	>= 10 Ckis	< 10 CkIs	>= 10 Ckts	< 10 Ckts	>= 10 Ckls	< 10 Ckts	>= 10 CkIs
CLEC 1																
LOUISIANA																
CLEC AGGREGATE																
LOUISIANA																
- RESALE DESIGN	76.92%	0.00%	7.69%			0.00%	0.00%			0.00%	1.92%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	5 83	0.0
- UNE DESIGN	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00	0.0
- UNE NON-DESIGN	93.94%	0.00%	3.03%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	3.03%	0.00%	1.97	0.0
BST																
LOUISIANA																
- RETAIL DESIGN	25.49%	0.00%	23.53%	0.00%	28.76%	0.00%	0.65%	0.00%	4.58%	0.00%	3.92%	0.00%	13.07%	0.00%	14.46	0.0

Definitions

issue date -- Date service order is entered into the system (not necessarily same as application date)

completion date -- Date on which service order is completed

order completion interval -- computed as order completion interval = completion date - issue date

Appendix E Maintenance Average Duration (MAD) - August Graphics

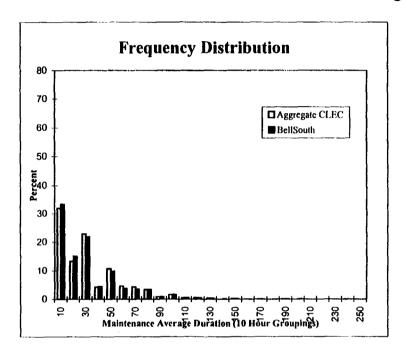
I. Graphical Representations

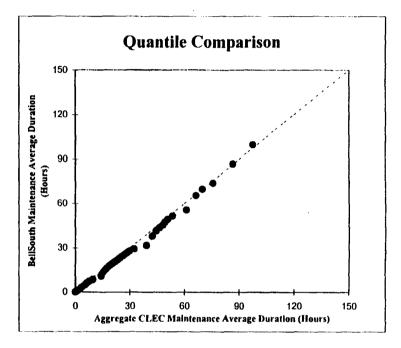
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1.	All CasesE-1	1.	All Cases	E-2
2.	DispatchedE-3	2.	Dispatched	E-4
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4.	Dispatched, ResidentialE-7	4.	Dispatched, Residential	E-8
	Dispatched, BusinessE-9		Dispatched, Business	
6.	Non-Dispatched, ResidentialE-11	6.	Non-Dispatched, Residential	E-12
	Non-Dispatched, BusinessE-13	7.	Non-Dispatched, Business	E-14
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II. SQM.....E-15

Adjusted
August BellSouth and CLEC Average Duration-Maintenance

Non-Designed, All Cases





Descriptive Measures

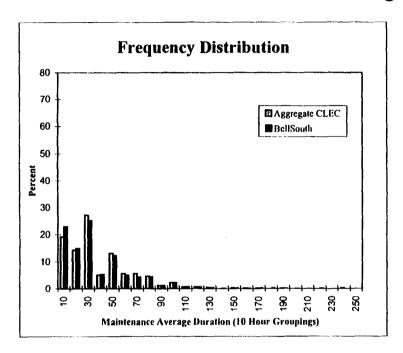
Service		Standard
Provider	Mean	Deviation
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CLEC	27.89	27.48
Difference	-1.38	

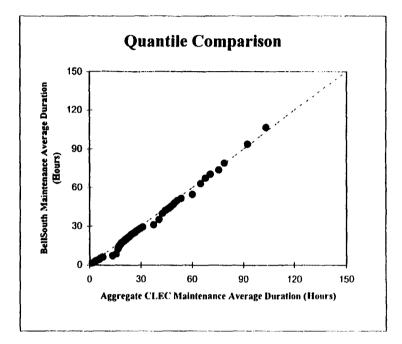
Analytic Measures

Testing	Test	P-value
Method	Statistic	(percent)
LCUG	-1.91	2.7770
FCC	-1.91	2.7809
BST	-1.93	3.1656

Adjusted

Non-Designed, Dispatched





Descriptive Measures

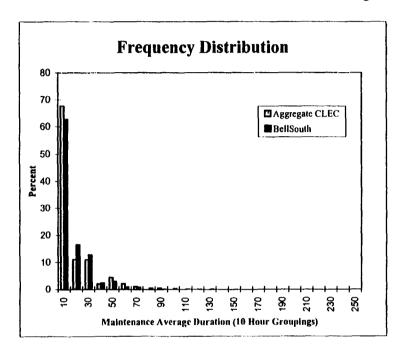
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Provider	Mean	Deviation
BST	32.05	28.15
CLEC	33.95	28.35
Difference	-1.89	

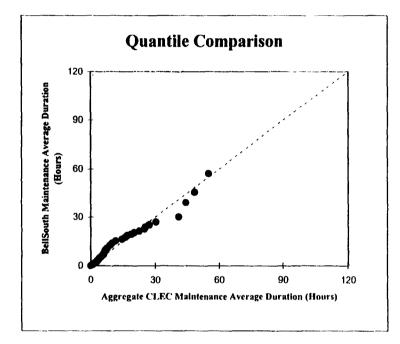
Analytic Measures

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Testing	Test	P-value
Method	Statistic	(percent)
LCUG	-2.16	1.5392
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Adjusted

Non-Designed, Non-Dispatched





Descriptive Measures

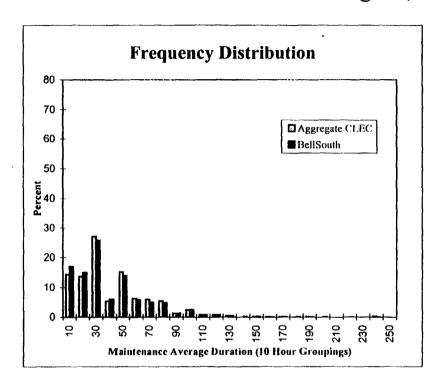
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Provider	Mean	Deviation
BST	11.11	15.49
CLEC	11.10	15.40
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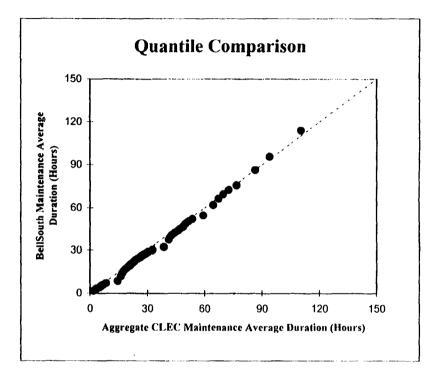
Analytic Measures

Testing	Test	P-value
Method	Statistic	(percent)
LCUG	0.01	49.6660
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Adjusted

Non-Designed, Dispatched, Residential





Descriptive Measures

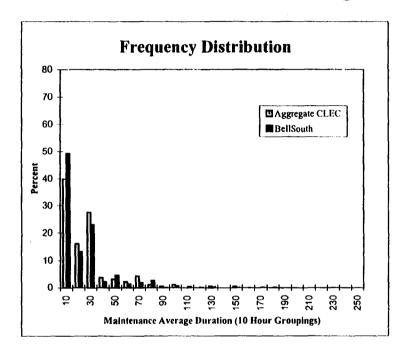
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Provider	Mean	Deviation
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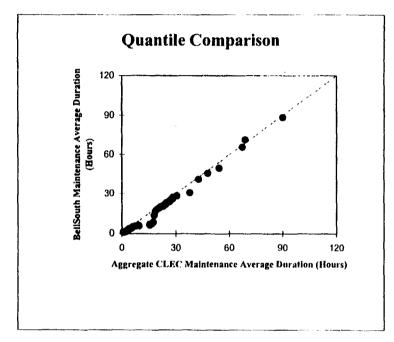
Analytic Measures

Testing Method	Test Statistic	P-value (percent)
LCUG	-1.76	3.9116
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Adjusted

Non-Designed, Dispatched, Business





Descriptive Measures

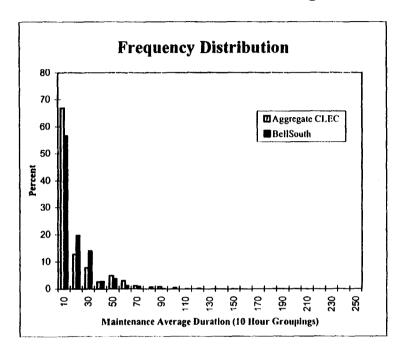
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Provider	Mean	Deviation
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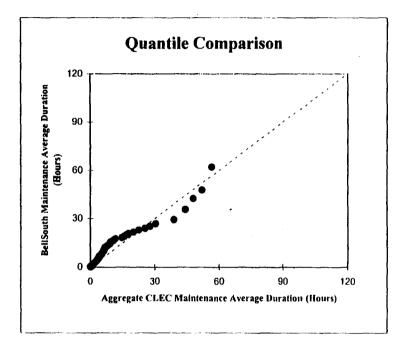
Analytic Measures

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LCUG	-1.62	5.2464
FCC	-1.62	5.2479
BST	-0.89	19.0851

Adjusted

Non-Designed, Non-Dispatched, Residential





Descriptive Measures

Service		Standard
Provider	Mean	Deviation
BST	12.74	16.05
CLEC	11.80	16.46
Difference	0.94	

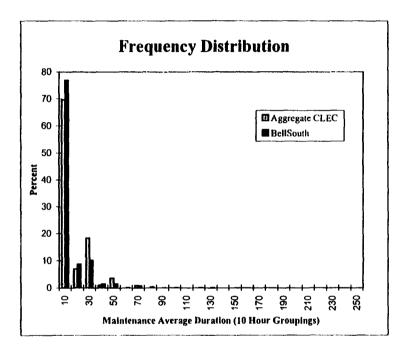
Analytic Measures

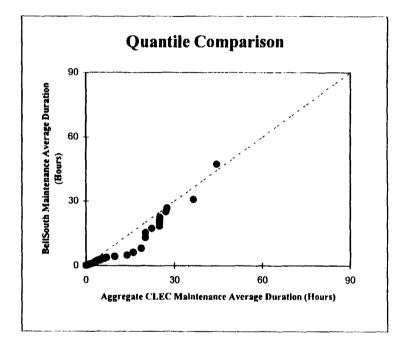
Testing	Test	P-value
Method	Statistic	(percent)
LCUG	0.95	17.1340
FCC	0.95	17.1407
BST	0.79	21.8735

Adjusted

August BellSouth and CLEC Average Duration-Maintenance

Non-Designed, Non-Dispatched, Business





Descriptive Measures

Service		Standard
Provider	Mean	Deviation
BST	7.34	13.46
CLEC	9.47	12.52
Difference	-2.13	

Analytic Measures

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Testing	Test	P-value	
Method	Statistic	(percent)	
LCUG	-1.68	4.6902	
FCC	-1.68	4.6589	
BST	-1.55	6.7569	

RETAIL SERVICES: BST - BST Aggregate

Report Period: 08/01/1998 to 08/31/1998

SQM: Maintenance Average Duration Non-detailed Report

	Re	sidence		Bı	siness	~~~	Re	s + Bus	
	Dispatched	Non-Disp.	Total	Dispatched	Non-Disp.	Total	Dispatched	Non-Disp.	Total
ALABAMA	33.79	14.20	26.45	12.06	7.87	10.77	29.98	13.34	23.92
FLORIDA	28.05	13.39	21.90	17.08	9.29	14.08	25.55	12.55	20.19
GEORGIA	27.57	15.29	22.70	14.10	8.67	12.26	24.68	14.12	20.62
KENTUCKY	38.07	18.36	31.26	19.36	6.94	15.77	35.20	16.96	29.04
LOUISIANA	34.08	13.06	25.21	17.77	8.44	14.69	31.01	12.43	23.45
MISSISSIPPI	33.55	12.11	25.18	10.30	4.79	8.54	29.53	11.14	22.55
NORTH	43.87	15.03	31.48	25.59	10.46	20.40	40.03	14.32	29.40
CAROLINA								•	
SOUTH	35.50	12.88	27.06	24.84	11.68	20.72	33.34	12.68	25.87
CAROLINA									
TENNESSEE	60.00	23.64	44.88	20.64	9.00	16.93	53.54	21.97	40.85
REGION	35.97	15.36	27.63	17.70	8.97	14.69	32.32	14.33	25.24

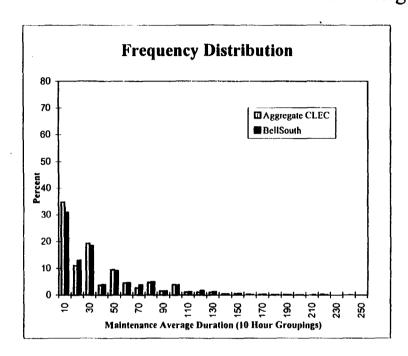
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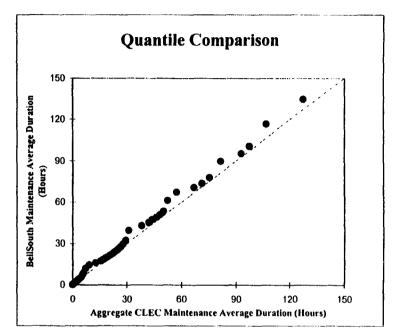
Appendix F Maintenance Average Duration (MAD) - September Graphics

I. Graphical Representations

	<u>Unadjusted</u>		Adjusted	
2.	All Cases F-1 Dispatched F-3 Non-Dispatched F-5	1. 2.	Adjusted All Cases Dispatched Non-Dispatched	F-4
4. 5.	Dispatched, ResidentialF-7 Dispatched, BusinessF-9	4. 5.	Dispatched, Residential Dispatched, Business	F-8 F-1(
6. 7.	Non-Dispatched, ResidentialF-11 Non-Dispatched, BusinessF-13	6. 7.	Non-Dispatched, Residential Non-Dispatched, Business	F-12
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Adjusted
September BellSouth and CLEC Average Duration-Maintenance
Non-Designed, All Cases





Descriptive Measures

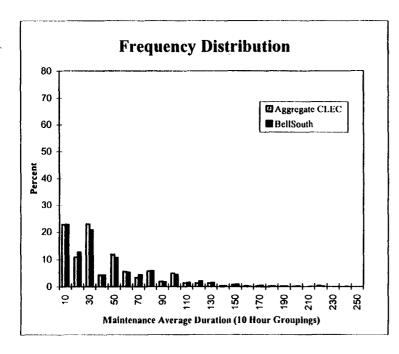
Service Provider	Mean	Standard Deviation		
BST	34.55	36.23		
CLEC	32.23	35.15		
Difference	2.32			

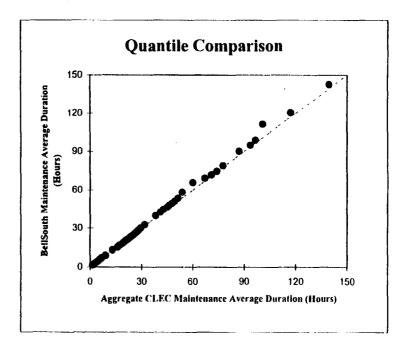
Analytic Measures

Testing Method	Test Statistic	P-value (percent)
LCUG	2.81	0.2448
FCC	2.82	0.2435
BST	2.43	1.0729

Adjusted

Non-Designed, Dispatched





Descriptive Measures

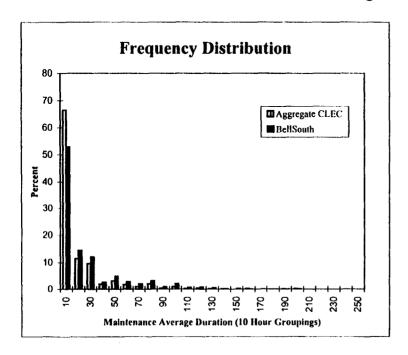
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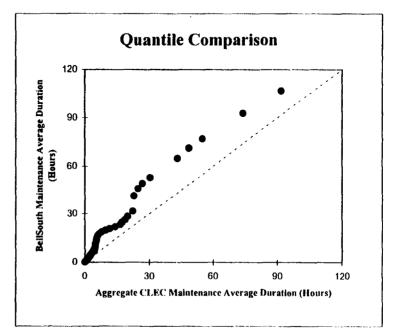
Analytic Measures

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Adjusted

Non-Designed, Non-Dispatched





Descriptive Measures

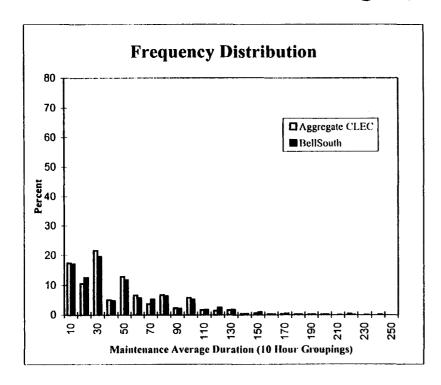
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Difference	6.30	

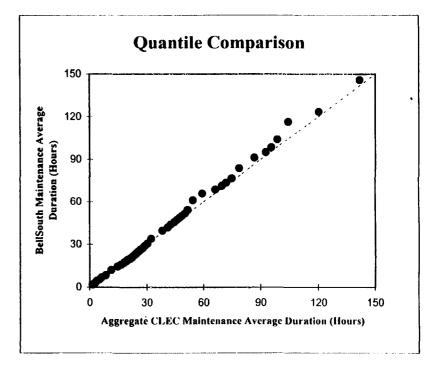
Analytic Measures

		
Testing Method	Test Statistic	P-value (percent)
LCUG	5.05	0.0000
FCC	5.06	0.0000
BST	5.55	0.0003

Adjusted

Non-Designed, Dispatched, Residential





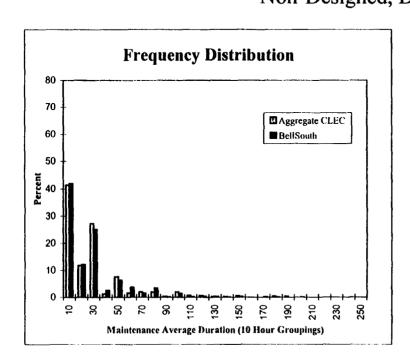
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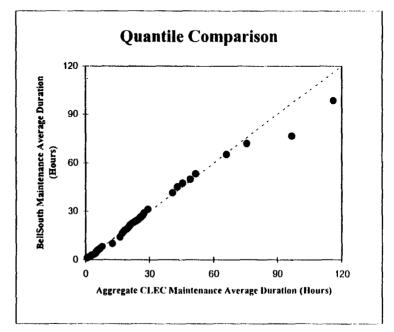
Service Provider	Mean	Standard Deviation
BST	44.73	38.50
CLEC	43.41	36.81
Difference	1.32	

Analytic Measures

Testing Method	Test Statistic	P-value (percent)
LCUG	1.13	12.8696
FCC	1.13	12.8447
BST	0.99	16.5790

Adjusted
September BellSouth and CLEC Average Duration-Maintenance
Non-Designed, Dispatched, Business





Descriptive Measures

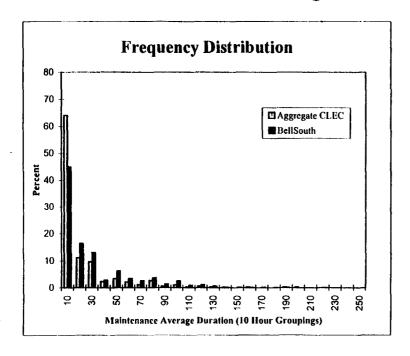
Service Provider	Mean	Standard Deviation	
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CLEC	23.90	28.70	
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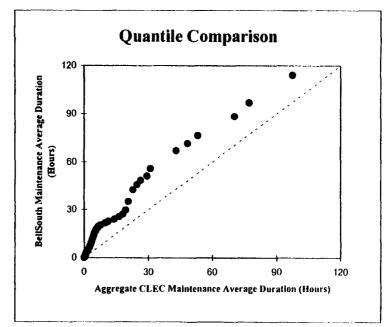
Analytic Measures

Testing Method	Test Statistic	P-value (percent)
LCUG	-0.61	27.0616
FCC	-0.61	27.1166
BST	-0.41	34.1136

Adjusted

Non-Designed, Non-Dispatched, Residential





Descriptive Measures

Service Provider	Mean	Standard Deviation
BST	24.24	30.70
CLEC	15.99	27.27
Difference	8.25	

Analytic Measures

Testing Method	Test Statistic	P-value (percent)
LCUG	5.23	0.0000
FCC	5.24	0.0000
BST	5.30	0.0005